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CHDP Provider Information Notice No.: 05-06

TO: ALL CHILD HEALTH AND DISABILITY PREVENTION (CHDP)
PROGRAM PROVIDERS AND MEDI-CAL MANAGED CARE PLANS

SUBJECT: ADDITION OF DECAVAC™ VACCINE AS A CHDP BENEFIT,
INCREASED REIMBURSEMENT FOR PURCHASED TETANUS AND
DIPHTHERIA (Td) TOXOIDS VACCINE, AND UPDATED CHDP
VACCINE BENEFIT AND REIMBURSEMENT TABLE

The purpose of this Provider Information Notice is twofold. The Notice is to advise CHDP providers of the addition of a new VFC vaccine, DECAVAC™, Tetanus Diphtheria (Td) Toxoids Adsorbed for Adults Preservative Free (Td Adult PF), as a CHDP benefit; and to advise CHDP providers of an increase in the reimbursement rate for the current CHDP purchased vaccine, Tetanus Diphtheria (Td) Toxoids Adsorbed for Adults.

Background

As you may recall until approximately November 2000, Tetanus Diphtheria (Td) Toxoids Adsorbed for Adults was a CHDP benefit (code 58) as a VFC vaccine. Beginning January 1, 2005, the newly licensed preservative-free formulation Td vaccine, DECAVAC™, became available through VFC, following the recommendation of the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP). DECAVAC™ is manufactured by Sanofi Pasteur (formerly Aventis Pasteur) and is packaged in pre-filled single dose syringes, 10 syringes per box.

The indications for DECAVAC™ are the same as for Td Adult. ACIP recommends a Td booster at age 11 to 12 years if at least five years have elapsed since the last dose of tetanus and diphtheria-containing vaccine. Subsequent routine Td boosters are recommended every 10 years. For the catch-up schedule for Td for children seven to 18 years of age, please refer to

<http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/preview/mmwrhtml/mm5351-Immunizationa1.htm>.

DECAVAC™ as a CHDP Program Benefit and Td Adult Rate Increase

Effective January 1, 2005, CHDP will reimburse providers for administration of DECAVAC™ to eligible children, seven years through 18 years 11 months. DECAVAC™ is to be administered in accordance with the AAP and ACIP recommendations. The vaccine will be provided at no charge by the VFC Program for CHDP eligible children. The CHDP vaccine code, 58, has been restored for this vaccine, and the reimbursement rate is \$9.00 for the administration fee. DECAVAC™ is not available for purchase.

The current Tetanus Diphtheria (Td) Toxoids Adsorbed for Adults (Massachusetts Biologic Labs), CHDP code 60, remains the Td Adult vaccine for purchase. Effective January 1, 2005, CHDP will reimburse providers for purchase of Td Adult vaccine for CHDP eligible children seven years through 20 years 11 months at the rate of \$13.96 per dose.

These changes will be reflected in the Vaccine Codes and Rates table found in the *rates max chdp* section of the CHDP Provider Manual.

Reminder

All CHDP Program providers actively involved with immunized children must participate in the VFC Program, which provides vaccines at no cost to the provider for eligible children up to eighteen years eleven months. The CHDP Program reimburses only the immunization administration fee for VFC covered vaccines.

Billing Instructions for DECAVAC™

Please use the following instructions for billing for DECAVAC™. Refer to the CHDP Provider Manual for additional information.

- Enter the CHDP Code number, 58, and DECAVAC™ on a blank line, under the immunization section of the PM 160 Confidential Screening/Billing Report.
- Enter a check mark in only one of the Immunization Outcome Columns (A or B) of the PM 160, as appropriate.
- Enter the administration fee in the Fees Column (Note: fees do not apply on the "Information Only" PM 160).

If you have administered DECAVAC™ on or after January 1, 2005, and prior to this notice, you are entitled to reimbursement for the administration of this vaccine. Please submit a PM 160 for the \$9.00 administration fee if you have not been previously reimbursed for the vaccine by any source.

Billing Instructions for Purchased Td Adult

- Enter the CHDP code number, 60, and Td Adult on a blank line, under the immunization section of the PM 160 Confidential Screening/Billing Report.
- Enter a check mark in only one of the Immunization Outcome Columns (A or B) of the PM 160, as appropriate.
- Enter \$13.96 in the Fees Column (Note: fees do not apply on the "Information Only" PM 160).

If you have administered Td Adult on or after January 1, 2005 and prior to this notice and already billed CHDP at the previous rate of \$10.93, you may request the unpaid balance of \$3.03 by submitting the following documents:

- A photocopy of the original claim.
- A photocopy of the remittance advice associated with the claim with the name of the patient circled.
- A new signed PM 160 with the difference indicated and "Balance Due" written in the "Comments/Problems" section of the form.
- A cover letter stating that the additional amount is owed due to the increased reimbursement rate for purchased Td Adult.

CHDP Vaccine Benefits and Reimbursement Table

An updated CHDP Vaccine Benefit and Reimbursement Table is enclosed, that is effective as of January 1, 2005. It includes the DECAVAC™ vaccine and the increased reimbursement rate for purchased Td Adult.

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Your continuing participation in the CHDP Program is greatly appreciated. If you have any questions about CHDP vaccine benefits or other CHDP issues, please contact your local CHDP Program office.

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Enclosure